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We bring you a very full newsletter this time. Approaching summer is getting people out of doors and with the academic year nearing completion there will be changes ahead for many: finishing school, moving up to new schools and, for the very young, the anticipation of starting on the journey.

This time we acknowledge the achievements of some of the young people in our community.

In 2014 we have also reflected on the start of the Great War. One of our regular contributors, Libby Cutfield has written about Maheno Street. What started off with a routine search for information soon grew into a much wider topic, which makes interesting and timely reading.

Many thanks to all contributors. Your input has made this all possible. Please keep sending in your news items.

Wyn Barbezat, for the High Flyer team

Special Bouquets



Five McGlashan students have recently completed the "McGlashan Challenge" and were recognised at a full school assembly recently.

Jack Ascroft and Vivian Griffiths cycled from Mt Cook to the Oamaru coast via the Alps to Ocean cycleway – a total of 300km – in just 2 days.

Koon Chakhatrakan, Liam Tompkins and Paul Blondell undertook a challenge that spanned almost 18 months, involving several Dunedin schools in the production of the entirely student-produced film *Delinquent* which had its world premiere in Dunedin on 17 October.

Each boy was awarded his McGlashan ring as "a symbol of dedication, determination and going the extra mile". As the only jewellery allowed in the school, it is presented as formal recognition of each young man's achievement.

Both groups raised funds for charity through their events, extending the benefits of their success from personal satisfaction to role modelling and into the greater community.

Well done gentlemen.



Vivian Griffiths, Deputy Head Boy, left with Jack Ascroft, Head Boy

Maori Hill Garden Club News

The Maori Hill Garden Club programme recently included an enjoyable presentation by a club member about visits to gardens of note in Europe and the U.K. The following month a full bus of members and friends travelled to East Otago, viewing The Glebe Garden in Waikouaiti and two

"Delinquent" – the Dunedin student-made film with more questions than answers

Inspired by Peter Jackson, Koon Chakhatrakan has been constantly developing his passion for film production since his arrival at John McGlashan College in 2012. After making several short films, he set his sights on production of a longer one, and so the concept began.

The then year 12 student accepted the challenges his age, time and funding presented in creating a film. He decided on a teenage theme, as his actors would be in this age group. The concept of "Deep Dark" was born. Finding no suitable filming and production equipment available to him, he purchased these as a base for his ongoing work, and established Shadowlight Studios as his brand. This involved other students and extended his expertise to cover school events and still photography. He also produced the winning entry for McGlashan College for the Secondary School competition for Gigatown, which won Dunedin 300,000 points towards the national competition; Ten Go Pro cameras and funding that was used to purchase "Dave the Drone" for the school were also part of the prize.

With DCC and Creative NZ grants, weekend filming began at the end of 2013. Early this year Koon realised that he needed a more constant team around him and invited Liam Tompkins and Paul Blondell (with whom he had worked while stage manager for the school's production for the Secondary School Shakespeare Competition entry) to share the management role. Liam and Paul provided logistics and continuity with practical support and public relations, coordinating communication with the five benefiting charities and other stakeholders so Koon could concentrate on production. Soon they were all equally involved in problem solving. They managed to accommodate Dunedin weather as well as school commitments, filming skilfully to portray different parts of Ross Creek in such a way that the locations appeared totally different, and balancing the logistics of managing ticket sales, catering and technical support for the red carpet event for the premier showing.

Having been allowed access to the school library over the last holidays, the three spent long days to ensure the end result met their high expectations, ready for the World Premiere on 17 October. Although they acknowledged some last minute panic, all three are proud of their efforts, and appreciative of the responsive audience and feedback they received. Talking with others who attended the premiere, I find that we have all been challenged to consider various aspects of teenage behaviour portrayed – some frustrated and others intrigued by the unanswered questions. For further information, to view the trailer or purchase a DVD of the film, visit <http://www.shadowlight.co.nz>



From left: Paul Blondell, Koon Chakhatrakan and Liam Tompkins at the World Premiere of *Delinquent*